

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.
FOX RIVER GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board President Pat Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members present were Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, and Devin Bright. Also present were Superintendent Tim Mahaffy and Principals Karen Machroli and Eric Runck. Absent were Board members Kris Germain and Tom Mollet.

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS, GUESTS, COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Board President Pat Hughes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ms. Machroli introduced audience members Mrs. Diller, Mrs. Achey and Dr. Krause.

Mr. Runck introduced audience members Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Cole, and Mr. Pickering.

Dr. Mahaffy introduced Mrs. Tammie Beckwith Schallmo, Managing Director, Public Finance of PMA Securities, Inc.

No one signed in to address the Board.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Susan McGarrigle to approve the consent agenda, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 22, 2010 and approve the closed minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 22, 2010, approve the March 2010 Treasurer's Report, approve the April Bills and Payroll from March 20, 2010 through April 23, 2010, and approve the March 2010 Activity Accounts Report. Gerry Blohm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

V. REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Dr. Mahaffy stated that he received and complied with two FOIA requests – one from the Daily Herald relating to automobile allowances for administration and the other from the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division regarding any bids or awarded contracts for milk purchases. Dr. Mahaffy responded to the Daily Herald that there are no automobile allowances

and with the Department of Justice that the District is currently under contract for milk with Schuring and Schuring Dairy Inc.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Mahaffy distributed an updated sheet on class sizes (10-04-01). Current figures for next years' kindergarten class (currently registered, those not registered and those who are applying for early entrance) brings the total enrollment if everyone comes to 49 students. Currently the District is at three sections for grades 1-8 with two sections for Kindergarten. This brings the class size to 24.5 for the two Kindergarten sections for the FY11 school year. The families have completed the requirements for their students to be tested for possible early entrance to Kindergarten.

Board President Pat Hughes stated that even if all 49 students come, the District still will have a class size for Kindergarten at 24.5 students.

Board President Hughes asked if there was any other Old Business and there was none.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Tammie Beckwith Schallmo of PMA reviewed the benefits of refunding the 2000 Series Bond totaling \$805,000 of principal (10-04-02). Per the IRS these bonds are eligible for a current refunding in order to lower the District's debt service cost. These bonds may now be refunded on another tax exempt basis within 90 days of their call date which is October 1st, 2010. The bond issue must close after July 1st, 2010. Mrs. Beckwith Schallmo stated that under current market conditions the current Present Value (PV) savings is over 11%. This double digit savings is quite remarkable. As a result of the refunding, the District will pay less in debt service which translates into savings to the taxpayers because the District will levy less than it would have before to make bond and interest payments. The goal of refunding is to lower debt service and the lowering of the interest rates. The length of maturity remains the same. Tammie also reviewed the market trends since 1994.

Board President Pat Hughes reiterated by stating that the refunding of these bonds will lower the resident's taxes while not changing the revenue stream coming into our District.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that there is no direct effect on fund balances, expenditures or revenues because it is exactly the amount that the District levies for bonds that the District will receive payment. Dr. Mahaffy further stated that the District will levy that much less each year, saving the taxpayers \$108,285 for the refunding of these bonds under current market conditions. The exact amount of savings will not be known until the bonds are sold.

The timetable for the refunding of these bonds is as follows: May 17th – the Board adopts a refunding resolution (parameters), May 26th – Dr. Mahaffy will have a conference call with Standard & Poor's (S&P), June 1st – receive rating from S&P, on or about June 15th – the refunding bonds are sold and SLGS (State and Local Government Securities) are purchased to establish escrow and on July 6th the refunding closes. All of this would be within the 90 day window of the call date for the bonds.

The Board thanked Mrs. Beckwith Schallmo for her presentation.

A motion to appoint Mr. Bob Blumberg as District Treasurer and Mrs. Lois Bowman as Board Secretary for the FY11 school year was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the following volunteer coaches – James Bartlett, Cheryl Geary, Robert Psenka, Erik Bo-Hansen, David Baker and Katie Springer was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve summer programs for 2010 – girls and boys summer volleyball clinic under the direction of Janet Mollet, band camp under the direction of JoAnn Limpus and a FRG fitness camp under the direction of Jim Bartlett – was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken (10-04-03). Voting aye – Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the amended school calendar for FY11 dated 4/26/2010 (10-04-04) which included a typo revising President's Day to February 21, 2011 instead of February 14, 2010 and the addition of two Early Release days scheduled for December 2nd and March 2nd. Dr. Mahaffy further explained that the District has enough banked time to add these two additional early release days to help with team meetings, RtI, and student support meetings. The principals will report back to Dr. Mahaffy on the value of these additional early release days before the preparation of the FY12 calendar.

A motion to approve the amended school calendar for 2010-2011 was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Principals Karen Machroli and Eric Runck reviewed changes that were proposed to the Joint Advisory Committee for their respective Parent/Student Handbooks (10-04-05).

A motion to approve the Parent/Student Handbooks for the 2010-2011 school year was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Devin Bright. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the minor changes to the Personnel Handbook for the 2010-2011 school year (10-04-05). The Personnel Handbook will be placed on the District's intranet for all personnel to view.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that the Coaches Handbook will also need to be reviewed for any necessary updates.

A motion to approve the Personnel Handbook for the 2010-2011 was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy presented the minor changes to the Substitute Teacher Handbook (10-04-05). Building maps/floor plans will be added once they have been completed.

A motion to approve the Substitute Teacher Handbook for 2010-2011 was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, and Devin Bright. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the Summer Maintenance Plan with the Board (10-04-06). Most items are general maintenance items. Larger items for the Middle School include: outside lawn maintenance on the NE field, reseal and stripe the parking lot, and the refinishing of the main gym floor and the stage floor. Major items at ARS include: the replacement of the flag pole with one from the MS and the purchase and installation of seven whiteboard overlays in the art room and the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms. Mulching and the painting of some classrooms will be done at both buildings.

Dr. Mahaffy briefly updated the Board on the flooring issue at Algonquin Road School. CTS, Kingston Tile and Altro Flooring have agreed that the problem with the flooring was an installation problem and not a moisture issue. The flooring will need to be replaced in eight classrooms. Altro Flooring has requested another core be drilled for one final moisture test. There is no cost to the District. In addition, if any of the tile in any part of the building begins to buckle or crack, CTS will cover its replacement. Tile replacement will begin as soon as school is out and the rooms are empty.

A motion to approve the Summer Maintenance Plan as presented was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Lisa Anderson, Susan McGarrigle, and Devin Bright. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy presented the Capital Outlay Plan for FY11 (10-04-06). Items for ARS included the replacement of carpeting in three rooms in the mobiles, the movement of the flagpole and foundation work from the MS to ARS, and boiler replacement. This boiler replacement will be held off until FY12 if an energy savings grant becomes available. Major items at the Middle School are the replacement of corroded hot and cold pipes on the south side. Mr. Miller is scheduled to complete this work. If the District receives a School Maintenance Grant for this project, this work may be contracted out. Concrete work is also needed at the MS and this could possibly be funded through the School Maintenance Grant. An AC unit is needed for the North Lab at the MS. This project would also be pushed back to FY12 if the energy savings grant comes through. A new student management system (Power School) and accompanying modules is needed for the District.

A motion to approve the Capital Outlay Plan for FY11 for a total of \$78,450 was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Devin Bright. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the Early Childhood Joint Agreement with Prairie Grove District 46 was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Gerry Blohm (10-04-07). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve a two year contract with Schuring and Schuring Dairy was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board President Hughes asked if there was any other New Business and there was none.

POLICY

A motion to approve the second reading and adoption of the following revised policy – 7:50 - School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle and Devin Bright. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli – ARS is currently in its second week of their Spring MAP testing. AIMSweb testing will begin on May 3rd. Teacher Appreciation Week begins on May 10th. The book fair begins on May 11th followed by the Spring Social on the 13th. Retiring PE teacher Sharon McAtee will be recognized at the PTO luncheon on May 14th. Ms. Machroli thanked the PTO for providing funds to purchase and install an LCD projector for the Art room. Ms. Machroli also thanked New Balance for sponsoring a ride on a fire truck for one Kindergarten and one First Grade Student through a coloring contest. Ms. Machroli thanked our art teachers for the wonderful displays at the Library.

Fox River Grove Middle School – Mr. Runck – Mr. Runck complimented the volunteer coaches and athletic director for their great job in sponsoring the home track meet at Cary Grove High School. The Spring Chorus Concert will be held on Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. May activities include the conference track meet at Barrington High School on May 1st, the Class A Sectional Track Meet on May 8th followed by the Class A State Track Meet beginning on the 14th. The Spring Band Concert will be held on May 5th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Runck reminded everyone that Mothers Day is May 9th. Teacher Appreciation Week as well as 4th quarter midterm reports go home on May 10th. The 6th graders will be going to the Shedd Aquarium on May 12th. The Middle School play (Charlotte's Web) will be held on May 14th and 15th from 7-8:00 p.m. Both the girls' soccer tournament and the girls' softball tournament will be held from May 17-20th with the Sports Award Night scheduled for May 27th. The 4th grade transition visit to the Middle School is set for May 20th. The 5th-7th grade dance will be held on May 21st. The 8th grade dinner dance will be held on May 28th. Mr. Runck also thanked the PTO for the LCD projector. Mr. Runck congratulated Mr. Merkel and the spelling bee team (Anthony Ferlito, Nick Cheatle, Adena Ruckoldt, Cameron Scott, Ricky Van Etten, Julia Mitchell, Katie Schneiderman, and Brian Flanagan) for winning the Conference Spelling Bee for the first time ever. Adena Ruckoldt and Ricky Van Etten tied for third and Cameron Scott won individual second place finish. These students did an excellent job. On April 27th Mr. Runck will be taking Matt Hughes and Eden Vellinga to the Illinois Principal's Association Student Leadership breakfast. Congratulations to these students as well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the third quarter updated report on revenues to expenditures as well as a bar graph for fiscal year 2010 revenues by quarter (10-04-08). Dr. Mahaffy stated that the District sees a drop off in revenues in the third quarter but improves in the fourth quarter with revenues from property taxes. The District's expenditures are ongoing and normal. Dr. Mahaffy stated that having healthy fund balances to cover this third quarter is critical. Dr. Mahaffy stated that he does not anticipate needing Tax Anticipation Warrants (TAW's) this year at all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you card from Mr. & Mrs. Piecuch was shared with the Board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:56 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District and Collective Negotiating Matters between the District and the FRGEA was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that there will be action.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to return from executive session to open session at 10:14 p.m. was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the employment of Beth Lombardino and Eva Ippolito as teacher aides for the ECE summer school program was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the re-employment of the following non-certified staff for the FY11 school year – Renee Baniqued, Linda Barham, Lauryl Barnett, Evelyn Blau, Lois Bowman, Gerry Cappellania, Laura Chamerlik, Penny Cole, Salvatore Errera, Kelly Ford, Deb Fruhauff, Leticia Garcia, Susan Hoffman, Eva Ippolito, Sarah Ireland, Beth Lombardino, Teresa Masterson, Rick Miller, Janet Mollet, Cindy Perkins, Alyson Phillips, Sue Roche, Denise Rose, Brian Sawyer, April Schiestel, Terrie Smialek, Kim Solimini, Marge Stefani, Jana Still, Dianne Suchy, John Tekampe, Vickie Walton, Jack Winterton, Sue Winterton, and Daniel Zbacnik – was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Devin Bright. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Devin

Bright, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board President Pat Hughes asked if there were any other items and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m. was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Pat Hughes. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – All ayes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

Patrick B. Hughes
President
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Lois M. Bowman
Secretary
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